Vacancies in Supreme Court

*216. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Supreme Court Judges who have either retired or are due to retire this year;

(b) whether Government have completed its exercise to fill up the resultant vacancies expeditiously;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the appointments are likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Since January, 2005, 2 Judges of the Supreme Court have retired. During the remaining period of the year i.e. upto December, 2005, 4 more Judges of the Supreme Court will be retiring on attaining the age of superannuation.

2. After the Supreme Court Judgement of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record & Anr. *Vs.* Union of India, read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the entire process of initiation of proposal for appointment of a Judge of a Supreme Court lies with the Chief Justice of India.

3. Government has not received any proposal, so far, from the Chief Justice of India for appointment of Judges in the vacancies already available in the Supreme Court or those which will be falling vacant till December, 2005.

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped

*217. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the academic courses offered at the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped in Mumbai;

(b) whether any review has been done keeping in view the need to expand the number of courses offered by the institute;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether its branches would be set up in different places; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) Academic courses offered at the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai are as follows:-

Long term programmes (one year or more):-

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Name of the University Affiliated to	Duration of the Course
1.	Bachelor in Education (Hearing Handicapped)	University of Mumbai	1 year
2.	Master in Education (Hearing Handicapped)	University of Mumbai	1 year
3.	Bachelor of Science (Hearing, Language and Speech	Maharashtra University of Health Sciences	4 years
4.	Master in Audiology, Speech Language Pathology	University of Mumbai	2 years
5.	B.Ed. (Special Education)	Bhoj University	11/2 years
Short Term prgrammes (Less than 1 year & more than 3 months):-			
1.	Desk Top Publishing for Hearing Impaired	Maharashtra & State of Board of Vocational Examinations under the scheme of community polytechnic of Ministry of HRD	6 months
2.	Hardware Maintenance for Hearing Impaired	Govt. Polytechnic Mumbai	6 months
3.	Certificate Course for Vocational Instructors (Hearing Impaired)	Course organised on need basis	1 month
Indian Sign Language Courses:-			
1.	Level-A Introductory Level i) Part Time-Two Batches) ii) Part Time-for NIHH staff	Rehabilitation Council of India	6 months 6 months
2.	Level-B Intermediate Level-B Part Time	Rehabilitation Council of India	6 months

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Name of the University Affiliated to	Duration of the Course
3.	English Language Course for Hearing Impaired (Two batches)	Rehabilitation Council of India	6 months
4.	Full time advanced course in Indian Sign Language for Hearing Impaired	Rehabilitation Council of India	3 months

(b) and (c) Periodical review is done through:-

(i) Executive Council and General Council of the Institute, which meet quarterly and annually respectively.

(ii) Rehabilitation Council of India conducts inspection and

(iii) Review/inspection is also conducted by the Universities to which course(s) is affiliated.

(d) and (e) Following centers of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped are functional in different parts of the country.

(i) Northern Regional Centre, New Delhi

(ii) Southern Regional Centre, Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh)

(iii) Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata (West Bengal) and

(iv) Training Centre for Teachers for the Deaf, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

*218. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Delhi where English medium is not available in Arts stream at 10+2 level;

(b) the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in the matter;

(c) the details of such schools where Science and Commerce streams are not available;

(d) the reasons therefor and the action being taken in the matter; and